Keeping in touch

News and notes from
the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

April 1994

General Council Focuses on Serving Churches

Improved service to their "customer"—the local church —was a major focus at the General Council meeting March 10-15 in Los Angeles, CA.

Consultants Lillie Brock and Mary Ann Salerno of Interchange International led the council, programmers, staff and the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee in an all-day training on customer service. In addition, they met separately with each group and assisted the council in experimenting with a new structure based on strategy teams. The council voted to continue working with the consultants on exploration of new structures at the October meeting.

The council accomplished its regular business in addition to considering service and structure, making this a particularly long and intense meeting.

The Board of Elders met March 8-9. In their new role as interim board of World Church Extension, they devoted an entire day to WCE and scheduled two full days on WCE at their next meeting. ❐

Consultants lead a customer service training for the General Council, programmers, CCCC and staff.

Photo by Rev. Kittredge Cherry

Excitement Builds for Upcoming Conferences

Church Leadership Conference

New worship styles that reflect the emerging traditions of women in leadership will be featured at the UFMCC Church Leadership Conference Aug. 2-4 in Dallas, TX.

"Celebrating Women in the Heritage of the UFMCC" is the title of the opening worship service, which honors the many struggles and contributions of women in UFMCC. This service is being planned by a committee headed by Rev. Coni Staff, chair of The UFMCC Women's Secretariat.

A multi-lingual communion service will be celebrated on Aug. 3 by Rev. Lois Wilson, an immediate past president of the World Council of Churches. Rev. Wilson was the first woman to serve as moderator of the United Church of Canada and as president of the Canadian Council of Churches.

The closing worship will be "Lifting Our Voices," a celebration for women and men featuring liturgy by, with, and focused on women. The speaker will be Dr. Mary Hunt, co-founder of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual in Silver Springs, MD.

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People of Colors Conference

"Connecting, Celebrating and Communicating" is the theme of the Department of People of Colors' Conference Aug. 5-7 in Dallas, TX.

The conference aims to stimulate and inspire people of colors and white people with keynote speakers, worship, workshops, affinity groups and a dramatic cultural event. Everyone who attends will come away better equipped for ministry in their local church.

The keynote speakers will be Dr. Elias Farajaje-Jones, associate professor at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC and Ms. Letticia Gomez of Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO) a national group in the United States. Mr. Martin Omelas of LLEGO will also serve on a panel exploring the connections between gay/lesbian history and the movements for women's and civil rights.

Dr. Farajaje-Jones is a Spanish-speaking African Native American (Tsalagi/Cherokee) and a queer-identified bisexual man. He is an anarchist guerilla theologian-AIDS terrorist-writer-cultural critic-performance artist-ritual technician. He

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May God bless you this Easter

as we celebrate the resurrection of our Sovereign Jesus Christ!

An Open Letter to The Fellowship

From the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee

The Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee affirms its faith in the moral integrity of the vast majority of U.F.M.C.C. Clergy. However, because we live in an increasingly litigious society and in light of significant judgements brought against other denominations, our legal counsel has advised that we make some significant changes. Although some of these changes are regrettable, considering our financial vulnerability, we are left with few choices. Therefore, we have made the following changes.

1) As per our attorney, all current and future U.F.M.C.C. clergy will be required to sign an authorization to release U.F.M.C.C. to obtain background information. This information includes, but is not limited to: police reports, credit checks, and previous employment records.

2) All current and future U.F.M.C.C. clergy will be required to sign a covenant agreeing to uphold our Code of Conduct. That code, defined by our by-laws, prohibits *"unbecoming conduct, disloyalty, and dereliction of duty."*

Historically, those three terms have never been defined. This fact presents the possibility that these terms could be applied in an unjust and inequitable manner. In an attempt to minimize confusion and injustice, the C.C.C.C., in dialogue with the General Council, has developed the following working definitions:

Unbecoming Conduct

1. Pattern of public drunkenness or substance abuse
2. Misappropriation of church funds or property
3. Misuse of the powers of the pastoral office for personal or sexual gain
4. Any sexual relations with persons below the legal age of consent
5. Physical abuse or violence
6. Sexual relations between supervisors and those they supervise or counselors and those they counsel
7. Dishonesty
8. Creating a clergy-centered ministry rather than a Christ-centered ministry, i.e., creating emotional dependency on the pastor, abuse of authority, divisiveness
9. Violating the sanctity of a relationship's covenant
10. Violation of confidentiality
11. Sexual harassment, i.e., any sexually related behavior that is unwelcome, offensive, and which fails to respect the rights of others.

Disloyalty

12. Patterns of deliberate or malicious acts which damage or bring harm to a person, a congregation, or other church body within the U.F.M.C.C.
13. Initiating or performing a ministry which is unauthorized and unaccountable to U.F.M.C.C.
14. Undermining the authority and ministry of the pastor
15. Deliberate disregard of the bylaws of the U.F.M.C.C.

Dereliction of Duty

16. A pattern of deliberate non-attendance at U.F.M.C.C. General or District Conferences, (a minimum of one conference in two years is required)
17. A pattern of ministry that leaves churches weakened rather than strengthened
18. Leading a church into unreasonable indebtedness or breach of fiduciary duties
19. Negligent supervision
20. Failure to report acts of misconduct

In addition, the C.C.C.C. also took action on the following items:

▼The requirement that conclusive documentation of fifteen hours per week be submitted for any clergy who are not senior pastors, solo pastors, or compensated staff clergy. This means that, beginning next year, the C.C.C.C. will very carefully scrutinize the status forms of unpaid staff clergy.

▼Minor changes were also made to the judiciary process and a major overhaul of the entire credentialing process was proposed. Feedback will be solicited from all clergy on these proposed changes.

▼For the upcoming licensing cycle, all responsibility for people working towards initial licensure will be transferred from the C.C.C.C. to Samaritan College. There is no need for students to contact the C.C.C.C. in any way until they are prepared to apply for initial licensure. However, transfer clergy with a master's degree may contact the Chair of the C.C.C.C. directly for consideration.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to create a credentialing system that will work for us all.

For more information, write: Rev. Michael Piazza, C.C.C.C. Chair, at Cathedral of Hope MCC, P.O. Box 35466, Dallas, TX 75235. ❐

Gay Night Offered at Sea World

A creative new fundraising idea has been adopted by MCC San Diego, CA.

The church is sponsoring Gay Night at Sea World on Apr. 16. Rev. David Farrell, pastor, said he expects several thousand gay men and lesbians from throughout the United States to attend this unique event, the church's most ambitious fundraising event to date. The church has reserved the entire park for a night of dancing, shows and exhibits, including whales, dolphins and sharks.

"MCC has never done anything to create a gay-positive environment in what is usually a heterosexual family place. We're making it a place for *our* family. It's an opportunity for us to enjoy what everyone else enjoys," Rev. Farrell said.

He encouraged other MCCs located near major tourist attractions to consider making similar arrangements.

"Gay Nights" have been promoted successfully at such places as Disneyland, but this is the first time a Metropolitan Community Church has been the sponsor. Rev. Farrell noted that the management of Sea World showed no resistance to opening their park to gay men and lesbians. ❐

THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

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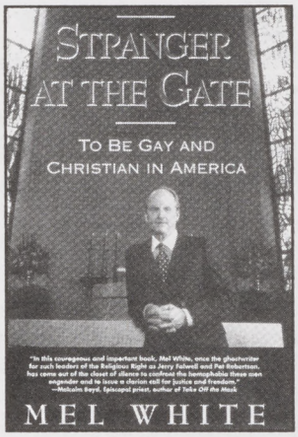

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People of Colors

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graduated with honors as one of the first two men of African descent from Vassar College at the age of 19. He went on to earn a master's in Eastern Christianity at age 22. He was the first person of African descent to complete a doctorate in the history of religions at the University of Bern in Switzerland. His topic at the People of Colors Conference will be "Voices in The Wilderness: A Call to Action."

Spanish translation will be available. Discounts are offered to anyone who registers for both the People of Colors Conference and the Church Leadership Conference.

Workshops/panels, with separate and joint tracks for people of colors and for white people, will include:

▼A panel of UFMCC's three elders of color (Rev. Elders Darlene Garner and Hong Tan and Elder Larry Rodriguez) on why and how people of color face the challenge of staying in UFMCC.

▼Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson on how local church pastors can develop and support people of colors in leadership, including the pastor's role in inter-racial conflict.

▼"Can We Hear Each Other's Voices?" will be a workshop in which Dr. Farajaje-Jones encourages people of color communities who have been and are pitted against each other to hear each other's stories, discover their commonalities and deal creatively with their differences.

▼Dr. Mel White on "Breaking the Silence."

▼"Interrupting Racism: Now What?" will cover how to confront internalized racism, maintain ethnic roots, and transform the church.

▼"Brown Eyes/Blue Eyes" will be a consciousness-raising event for white people.

Opportunities for church growth in the 21st century will be examined in a plenary session by panelists from secular and religious groups doing outreach to people of colors. Another plenary panel will grapple with whether multicultural and ethnic models of church can co-exist in UFMCC.

Affinity groups will meet twice: once based on culture/race, and once based on gender.

The Department of People of Colors and its Division of White People Healing Racism will also hold business meetings.

The following 2-year positions in DPOC will become vacant and need to be filled: two positions on the Executive Committee and two positions on the White People Healing Racism Steering Committee.

Those interested in running for one of the available positions should send a resume with a one page statement addressing the following two questions:

1) What is your vision for the ministry?
2) What gifts do you bring to help achieve that vision?

All documents must be received by Mr. Ravi Verma, at UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029, by Friday, July 15, 1994. ❒

St. John's MCC Buys Building

St. John's MCC, Raleigh, NC, is praising God for miracles after recently purchasing a property valued at more than half a million dollars.

"This place will stand as a concrete, visible beacon of hope to those who hide in invisibility and fear," said Rev. Wayne Lindsey, pastor. "This new facility will enable us to minister to more people and touch more lives."

The church is in the Bauhaus modernist style with a purple exterior and a sanctuary that seats 228. The property also includes 52 parking spaces and a house that may be used by community groups.

Rev. Lindsey noted that the purchase was made possible by several "miracles," including:

▼The church exceeded its fundraising goal of $135,000 by $5,000.

▼More than $18,000 was received in a Miracle Sunday offering.

▼The bank increased the church's loan from $300,000 to $310,000.

"This is just the beginning," Rev. Lindsey said. "God's presence and God's miracles will abound in this new place." ❐

Leadership

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The Leadership Conference will also feature workshops, panel discussions, keynote speeches, sharing circles, affinity groups and a wealth of other activities.

Additional events held in conjunction with the Leadership Conference include a pre-conference institute on "The Sexual Ethics of Church Leaders" on Aug. 1 and the 1994 Church Growth Conference for Pastors on July 31 - Aug. 1.

For more information, contact UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029. Phone (213) 464-5100. Fax (213) 464-2123. ❐

Worshipping at MCC Manila are, from left, Rev. Richard Mickley, Rev. Elder Hong Tan and Deacon Allen Verdadero.

MCC Manila Greets Elder

The Philippines present "phenomenal possibilities" for UFMCC, reported Rev. Elder Hong Tan after visiting the Philippines from Feb. 28 to March 7.

His visit included meetings with the board lay leadership of MCC Manila, which has 35 members. The church, the first and only MCC in the Philippines, is pastored by Rev. Richard Mickley.

"I preached on the need for indigenous Philippino leadership and a Philippino theology of sexuality and spirituality," Rev. Tan said. He also encouraged them to consider starting the first Philippino lesbian and gay pride march.

Rev. Tan reported that MCC Manila members are eager for penpals. Persons interested in corresponding with them may write to MCC Manila, 2463 Leon Guinto Street, Malate, The Philippines. ❐

In Memory

Mr. Bob Burns

Mr. Bob Burns, surviving spouse of Rev. Brad AnderSon and member of MCC Silverlake, Los Angeles, CA, died Nov. 11.

Mr. Robert Johnson

Mr. Robert B. Johnson, who served on numerous UFMCC boards and commissions at the denominational level, died March 8 of a heart attack. He was 52. Mr. Johnson held many leadership positions at MCC Washington, DC. He is survived by his partner of 14 years, Eric Simpson. A memorial service was held March 12 at MCC-DC.

Mr. Patrick Weisenburger

Mr. Patrick Weisenburger died March 9 of AIDS-related causes. He was 43. Mr. Weisenburger was a member of MCC Los Angeles and the surviving spouse of Rev. Dan Mahoney, who died Dec. 13.

Moderator Visits Australia For Mardi Gras

Australians enthusiastically greeted Rev. Elder Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator, during a two-week tour of Australia in February and March.

Rev. Perry was guest preacher at the Mardi Gras Blessing Service Feb. 27, which is when Australians celebrate lesbian and gay pride.

Rev. Greg Smith, pastor of MCC Sydney and Australian District Coordinator, was pleased to host Rev. Perry as special guest at the grand opening ceremony of MCC Sydney's new store on March 2. Called "Out of the Closet Emporium," the shop sells used clothing and household goods. It is located in a derelict property renovated by MCCers.

"It is planned that the shop will become the centre of our welfare activities and also act as an opportunity shop to raise much-needed funds for our ever-increasing welfare outreaches," Rev. Smith said. He added that the first two days of trading "far exceeded our expectations, with the shop constantly full of people spending their money." ❐

Fellowship Staff Improvements Continue

Staff at the UFMCC International Headquarters are continuing to make efforts to better serve local churches.

Mr. Ravi Verma, director of administration, announced at the General Council meeting March 9-15 the recent promotion of two staff members in order to achieve this goal. Rev. Kittredge Cherry's responsibilities as public relations associate have been expanded to include marketing and distribution of resources, with two staff members now reporting to her. Mr. Farley Peterson's responsibilities as administrative assistant for financial affairs have been expanded to include data information services, with one staff person now reporting to him.

The General Council also discussed developing new systems to better utilize the Fellowship staff and enhance council-staff relations. ❐

Around The Fellowship

Praises

Stranger at the Gate by **Dr. Mel White**, dean of **Cathedral of Hope MCC**, Dallas, TX, has been published by Simon & Shuster. The autobiography chronicles Dr. White's experiences as a gay man and ghostwriter for Revs. Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and others in the religious right. Dr. White was also a speaker at the 1994 Interfaith Impact Legislative Briefing March 13-16 in Washington, DC.

Rev. Sandra Robinson, president of **Samaritan College**, was featured speaker at a recent conference on "Racism, Sexism, Heterosexism: Get the Connection" in Raleigh, NC, sponsored by the Raleigh Religious Network for Lesbian/Gay Equality."

Rev. Elder Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator, is a member of the advisory board of Christianity for the Third Millenium Inc., a new non-profit organization formed to produce videos presenting competent Bible scholarship, under the direction of Episcopal Bishop John Spong. ❐

Prayers

Prayers are requested for the following people in relation to HIV-related conditions: **Rev. Bob Jones**, Liverpool, England; **Rev. Cal Lindley**, San Diego, CA; **Rev. Lee Carlton**, Pensacola, FL; **Mr. Donny Jones** and his spouse, **Rev. T. Edward Helms**, Sarasota, FL; **Mr. Chuck Vickers**, formerly a singer with HeartSong, Wichita, KS; and **Rev. Grant Brush**, St. Louis, MO. ❐

Correction

Tithes from MCC Toronto, Ontario, Canada were incorrectly reported in the "Top 20 Tithes" for January 1994, resulting in a Number One ranking. MCCT's tithe for January was actually $2,361.60, which would earn a fourth-place. ❐

Transitions

MCC Las Vegas, NV has called **Rev. B.J. "Beau" McDaniels** as senior pastor. She will assume duties March 27.

Rev. Joseph Totten-Reid resigned recently as pastor of **MCC Baltimore**, MD.

Rev. Bill Peckham has been selected interim pastor of **First MCC of Kansas**, Wichita, KS.

Rev. Gary Wilson is the new interim pastor of **River of Life MCC**, Richand, WA.

Delta Harvest MCC, Stockton, CA, has a new part-time pastor, **Rev. Sean-Patrick MacMillan**, transfer clergy from the Roman Catholic Church. He is working on his Ph.D. at Stanford University in psychology.

Diablo Valley MCC, Concord, CA has a new interim pastor, **Rev. Alan Eddington**, transfer clergy from the Roman Catholic Church.

Angels Among Us MCC, Mt. Vernon, WA, has a new interim pastor, **Rev. Anne Hulse**, former co-pastor at **Song of Messiah MCC**, Bellingham, WA.

Rev. Charlene Buck is interim pastor of **Victory Fellowship MCC**, Shreveport, LA.

Student Clergy **Bev Stephenson** has been called to serve as pastor of **MCC Montgomery**, AL.

Rev. Neal Biggers is the new pastoral leader for **Tri-State MCC,** Evansville, IN, where he formerly pastored a Presbyterian church.

Student Clergy **Dexter Brecht** has begun service as interim pastor at **Vieux Carre MCC,** New Orleans, LA.

Ms. Cheryl Sorrels is now serving as the interim pastoral leader at **MCC of the Living Spring**, Eureka Springs, AR.

Student Clergy candidate **Durrell Watkins** recently began service as interim pastor of **Central Texas MCC from the Heart**, Waco, TX.

Rev. Joe Houle resigned as director of **Emmaus House of Prayer**, a special work in the Mid-Atlantic District, and the board of directors subsequently voted to close. ❐

Top 20 Tithes - Feb. 1994

1.	Cathedral of Hope MCC, Dallas, TX	US $	8,033.53
2.	Sunshine Cathedral MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL		2,801.79
3.	MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX		2,411.05
4.	MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA		1,609.61
5.	St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville, FL		1,536.62
6.	MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA		1,436.27
7.	MCC San Diego, San Diego, CA		1,423.40
8.	MCC Los Angeles, Culver City, CA		1,317.11
9.	King of Peace MCC, St. Petersburg, FL		1,257.50
10.	Church of the Trinity MCC, Sarasota, FL		1,236.95
11.	MCC of the Rockies, Denver, CO		1,050.85
12.	Church of Our Savior MCC, Boca Raton, FL		970.00
13.	MCC New York, New York City, NY		935.41
14.	MCC Richmond, Richmond, VA		933.64
15.	First MCC of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA		897.91
16.	MCC Key West, Key West, FL		798.68
17.	MCC Tampa, Tampa, FL		781.25
18.	Harvest MCC, Denton, TX		720.45
19.	Agape' MCC, Ft. Worth, TX		711.36
20.	Maranatha Fellowship MCC, Houston, TX		710.61

{These figures reflect the 10 percent of each local church's monthly income that is reported to fellowship headquarters.}

Top 20 Per Capita - Feb. 1994

1.	MCC Ventura, Ventura, CA	US $	42.28
2.	Maranatha Fellowship MCC, Houston, TX		30.90
3.	SisterSpirit, Portland, OR		29.93
4.	Church With A Vision MCC, Longview, TX		26.81
5.	Christ Alive MCC, Vancouver, BC Canada	CAN $	26.00
6.	Christ the Redeemer MCC, Evanston, IL		25.40
7.	Victory Fellowship MCC, Shreveport, LA		25.17
8.	Harvest MCC, Denton, TX		24.42
9.	Holy Covenant MCC, Hinsdale, IL		20.59
10.	MCC Huntsville, Huntsville, AL		19.36
11.	MCC New York, New York City, NY		19.17
12.	Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Des Moines, IA		19.14
13.	St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville, FL		19.02
14.	New Life MCC, Charlotte, NC		18.77
15.	Community Fellowship MCC, Columbia, SC		18.39
16.	Ke Anuenue MCC, Honolulu, HI		18.31
17.	MCC Johnson County, Lenexa, KS		18.29
18.	MCC Los Angeles, Culver City, CA		18.29
19.	Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA		18.24
20.	Open Arms MCC, Rochester, NY		18.14

{These figures reflect average individual weekly offerings to the local church.}

UFMCC Celebrates Stonewall 25 in June

UFMCC is seeking people to sing, pray and celebrate during its two major events during Stonewall 25 festivities in New York.

Stonewall 25 is an international celebration to mark the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, a landmark in the modern lesbian/gay rights movement. UFMCC's events will be:

Hands Around the God-Box, a mass prayer vigil for ending homophobia in the church. It will begin at 12 noon Friday, June 24, with a brief worship gathering, followed by the prayer vigil itself at 12:30 pm. More than 500 people are expected to encircle the Inter-Church Center, unofficially known as "the God-Box," with prayer. The center, located at 475 Riverside Drive, houses national headquarters for numerous religious organizations.

This event is sponsored by UFMCC in conjunction with Dignity/USA, the Conference for Catholic Lesbians, the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns and lesbian/gay caucuses of other Christian denominations.

Celebrating Stonewall 25: A Generation of Faith, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25, Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. (Note the new time). Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. This worship celebration will feature Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder and moderator of UFMCC, as the main speaker. A 100-voice choir will be directed by Mr. David Heid. Anyone interested in singing in the choir may contact him at MCC New York, 446 W. 36th St., New York, NY 10018; phone (212) 629-7440.

International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. UFMCC members will witness for human rights together in the march, which begins at noon Sunday, June 26. The staging area and march route for the UFMCC contingent will be announced as soon as they are received from the March Committee.

Negotiations with the city of New York are in process regarding parade routes and necessary permits. Two routes are needed due to the logistics of moving crowds through New York City. A three-mile route will originate at the United Nations, and a six-mile route will begin in Greenwich Village near the site of the original Stonewall bar. Both routes will conclude in Central Park. ❐

ETFSS Guide Due June 1

The 1993 General Conference received a report from the Elders' Task Force on Structures and Systems that proposed study of a new structure based on regional organization to better support local churches. All clergy and delegates were requested to conduct the study guide process that ETFSS developed with their local congregations and return their written responses by June 1, 1994.

The ETFSS urges all clergy and lay delegates to know that restructuring recommendations to the 1995 General Conference in Atlanta, GA will be based on written responses to the study guide. A copy of the study guide was provided to every clergy and lay delegate in their 1993 General Conference packets and additional copies can be requested from the Intern'l Headquarters in Los Angeles, CA. Please send your written response to Rev. Foxworth, c/o MCC Austin, 425 Woodward St., Austin, TX 78704, USA by June 1, 1994. ❐

MCC Pastor Joins African American Group

Rev. Helene Loper, pastor of MCC Mobile, AL, recently became the only white person and the only woman in a local African American ministerial alliance.

Rev. Loper explained that she was eager to make contacts with other pastors in Mobile, and this was one of two ecumenical groups she could find there, so she applied for membership.

"I was very open with them about who I am and what I do," she said. "I pointed out the common areas of our pastoral issues: discrimination and AIDS/HIV." After two weeks to consider the issue, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance voted to make her a full member. In March, she became recording secretary. The group has a history of civil rights activity.

Denominations represented in the alliance include African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and the Black Baptist and Islamic traditions.

Rev. Loper said she expects her participation in the alliance to benefit her congregation in the long run. "I call it foundation-building," Rev. Loper said. "I've also found it a different route for me to get involved in Mobile's issues." ❐

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